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## BUSINESS REVIVAL NEAR

Call it "psychological," if you will, but signs are multiplying that American business and industry are only awaiting the inauguration of Harding and the advent of the Republican administration to enter on an era of renewed activity.

Reports gathered by government experts confirm this, although not in so many words, perhaps. Even those who are skeptical of the judgment of official experts must credit the facts as they are disclosed. The unequalled resources of the government for searching out the facts of trade and industry afford a sure basis for judgment that shall influence action.

General confidence is all that is needed to expedite the return to a larger degree of commercial normalcy on which the country will thrive. That confidence, now lacking, will be restored to business and industry with a regime in power at Washington upon which the nation can rely for the sane conduct of its affairs. With strengthened faith, the people need no longer postpone replenishment of supplies and the repairing of properties. A dollar wisely expended will start a train of commercial and industrial operations which will result in a soundly widespread business revival.

One of the most commendable of all our practices is wise economy. It is upon it that ultimate prosperity is founded, since it provides the essential to reviving the fires of commercial activity that sometimes are permitted to die down. Those who now have a few dollars with which to supply their wants will give to general trade just that degree of stimulant that is needed. They will increase that demand for goods which results in the reopening of factories and the recalling of transportation crews to service, that reaches back to the producers of raw materials and compels activity in every commercial and industrial enterprise.

## FULL DAY'S WORK

The charge has been made by many contractors and manufacturers that employees do less work at higher wages, on an average, than ever before, and to this condition is attributed a large share of the added cost of building construction. The claim of a falling off in productivity has been denied by representatives of labor, but it is a matter that can easily be confirmed in the case of bricklayers and other workers who are expected to do certain work in a day. The time of other workers can usually be estimated and comparisons made with other days.

"The real problem in the building industry," declares F. G. Weber, secretary of the National Building Trades Employers' association, "is how to get men to do an honest day's work. Here and there we hear of per capita efficiency back to normal, but the instances are the exception and not the rule. When men do 75 per cent of the work they did 30 years ago, the cost of building will be cut 40 per cent."

Secretary Weber asserted that, for example, bricklayers 10 years ago laid on an average of 3000 bricks a day, and this number has been reduced to 1000 or 1200 in different localities. If this comparison is correct, much of the added cost of brick work is accounted for.

It is plain that unless contractors can reduce the cost of erecting homes and other buildings, little progress will be made in construction this year. More work for a day's pay will help to reduce costs, but the difficulty of securing this is not easy to overcome.

## HONESTY IN JURY SERVICE

Prohibition is sufficiently unpopular in St. Louis to make it difficult to obtain the conviction of a violator of the Volstead law by a jury. After three defendants had been acquitted there in the face of convincing evidence of their guilt the presiding judge a few days ago discharged the entire panel of 100 jurors.

The situation directs attention to the mistaken conception that some men hold in regard to jury service. Though sworn to find a verdict in accordance with the law and the evidence, they feel that they are en-

titled to consult their personal wishes as to whether the defendant should go free. This feeling becomes predominant when the law which the defendant is accused of violating is unpopular. Ignoring the evidence and acquitting the guilty in such cases is demoralizing; it paves the way for similar action in cases involving other laws. The oath taken by the jurors is held lightly, the courts are brought into contempt, and public morals suffer. The remedy lies in educating jurors to hold their oaths as a sacred promise, not to be set aside by personal predilections. If they object to a law, they are at liberty to try to have it repealed; if a majority of the people dislike a statute, they have it in their power to elect representatives who will wipe it off the books. But if the majority desire the law to stand, democratic principles and good citizenship demand that all shall yield to their wishes.

## THE CURFEW

Recent establishment of the curfew hour in New York city at 1 a. m. has proved amusing to some and to others has served only as an indication of the speedy and unnatural social life to which not only the metropolis, but the entire country, has become addicted.

Folks hereabouts are in the habit, as a rule, of turning off the lights and jumping into bed at least a little before that hour. The old-fashioned curfew perhaps could be revived to advantage in most cities and towns. For the normal thing for people to do is to work and play by sunshine and go to sleep at night.

Customs change with years, and differ in various countries and communities. Although we do not expect the Turks, for instance, to observe customs similar to ours, perhaps there is a certain significance in the curfew edict just issued in Constantinople, setting 2 a. m. as the universal hour for retiring.

The whole world, in fact, has been eating an unnatural pace. We have been ridden by the nightmares and war, pestilence and unrest. It is a good step on the part of New Yorkers to end the day, even at 1 a. m. It will be a better thing when the good people of Gotham lead this way by going to bed at midnight or before. Franklin's maxim, "Early to bed and early to rise," can still be heeded with profit everywhere.

## OBSERVATIONS

Some folks are willing to be on the level, but they want to fix their own level.

The new legislator never seems happy unless he is tossing something into the hopper.

The "flower of the family" sometimes looks as if she had been dipped into a flour barrel.

It is not so easy for figures to be since diaphanous clothing has been adopted by some many women.

It is going to be hard on those lobbyists if the senate makes them tell who is paying their bills.

Many a man starts out to do something "like a house afire," and then somebody turns the hose on him.

Any ordained minister can tie the marriage knot, but it takes a judge and a lawyer or two to untie it.

Anyhow, the down-and-outers who wanted to touch you for a loan do not loaf around the soft-drink saloons.

Happily for Mr. Harding, not quite all the persons who voted for him in November are asking for an office.

The kinks in world affairs would probably be taken out sooner if there were not so many selfish and stubborn folks.

Secretary of State Colby, who is on his way back from South America, should arrive in time to clean out his desk before March 4.

A tax of \$20 each on visitors to France is proposed. It seems to be suspected that some are getting away with a little money left.

The time may come when a man's fame will consist in being pointed out as the last survivor of the bartenders who quit business early in 1920.

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Marion Elizabeth Kutz, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Charles W. Kutz, whose marriage to Capt. Lewis Tenney Ross was an important event in social and army circles at the capital. Her father, Colonel Kutz of the engineer corps, was appointed district commissioner in 1914.

## CROSSES OCEAN IN SAILING BOAT

By Associated Press.  
 QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 31. — The hardships of crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel in midwinter were shown by the experience of the Norwegian bark *Siedal*, which sailed up the Atlantic after spending 75 days at sea, and has returned to this port with her bulwarks rags in and much of her canvas in tatters.

Most of her crew were either ill or worn out by fatigue and exposure. Neither vessel nor men were fit for further conflict with angry seas. The *Siedal* left Christiansand as far back as October 22, bound for Barbados and carrying only ballast.

Almost from the start she encountered heavy westerly gales but made her way as far west as mid-Atlantic whence she was driven north to the coast of Labrador and then almost over to Iceland. Several times she was thrown on her beam ends, her decks were incessantly swept by seas, cabins flooded and rigging so strained that it was feared the masts would go. One man fell from aloft in a gale and was killed.

## ON AGAIN; OFF AGAIN; JAPAN

By Associated Press.  
 TOKIO, Jan. 31. — The assertion is made here that Japan leads the world in proportion of divorces to marriages. Unofficial reports state that the number of divorces in 1918 were 56,741, as against 563,236 marriages, a ratio of 112.8 divorces to each 1000 marriages.

This is compared to the German rate of 21.6 per thousand, which is said to be the highest divorce rate in Europe. Unofficial figures indicate that Japan's rate of increase in population was cut about one-half in 1917 by influenza and high cost of living. The estimated yearly increase of Japan's population has generally been assumed to be about 100,000. In 1918 the customary census showed an increase of about 500,000, while in 1919 the increase was only 308,794.

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